

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:826
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PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF WILDLIFE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the fast Shrinking forests in the country, continue to threaten and endanger the safety of wildlife like the tigers, leopards, lions and other big cats;
- (b) if so, the comparative figures of head-counts of different varieties of big cats as per latest four census; and
- (c) the steps taken and being taken to protect and promote wildlife?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

- (a) No such reports have come to the notice of the Govt. of India.
- (b) State wise Estimation on Leopards & Tigers during last four census are given in Annexures-A & B.
- (c) Following steps are taken by the Government to protect and promote wildlife -
 - i. Assessing the impact of any developmental project on wildlife and its habitat.
 - ii. Legal protection has been provided to wild animals including tigers, leopards, lions and other big cats against hunting and commercial exploitation under the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) act, 1972.
 - iii. Financial and technical help is being extended to States under Centrally Sponsored Schemes for enhancing the capacity and infrastructure to provide effective protection and improvement of habitat for wild animals.
 - iv. Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has been empowered under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 to apprehend and prosecute wildlife offenders.
 - v. Ministry of Home Affairs has written to all State Governments to lend a helping hand to field formations for curbing poaching and illegal trade in wildlife.

ANNEXURE -A

POPULATION OF LEOPARDS IN THE COUNTRY AS REPORTED BY THE STATES

S. NO. NAME OF STATE 1989 1993 1997 2001-02

1	TAMIL NADU	119	138	110	41
2	MAHARASHTRA	580	417	431	513
3	KERALA	27	16	N.R.	NR
4	ORISSA	279	378	422	457
5	KARNATAKA	283	455	N.R.	NR
6	RAJASTHAN	461	475	474	481
7	MADHYA PRADESH	2036	1700	1851	1066
8	UTTAR PRADESH	1095	711	1412	207
9	ANDHRA PRADESH	301	152	138	505
10	HIMACHAL PRADESH	199	821	N.R.	NR
11	MANIPUR	-	-	N.R.	NR

12	TRIPURA	37	18	N.R.	NR
13	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	10	15	15	NR
14	MIZORAM	38	49	28	NR
15	NAGALAND	72	-	N.R.	42
16	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	121	98	N.R.	NR
17	SIKKIM	1	-	N.R.	NR
18	GUJARAT	702	772	832	999
19	HARYANA	19	25	N.R.	NR
20	GOA DAMAN & DIU	18	31	25	41
21	JAMMU & KASHMIR	4	N.R.	7	
22	WEST BENGAL	108	108	N.A.	331
23	BIHAR	134	203	N.A.	NR
24	ASSAM	123	246	N.A.	248
25	CHATTISGARH	-	-	-	1140
26	UTTARANCHAL	-	-	-	1961
27	JHARKHAND	-	-	-	164

TOTAL	6767	6828	5738	8203	
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ANNEXURE-B

POPULATION OF TIGERS IN THE COUNTRY AS REPORTED BY THE STATES

S.NO.	NAME OF THE STATE	1989	1993	1997	2001-02##
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1	TAMIL NADU	95	97	62	60
2	MAHARASHTRA	417	276	257	238
3	WEST BENGAL	353	335	361	349
4	KARNATAKA	257	305	350	401
5	BIHAR	157	137	103	76
6	ASSAM	376	325	458	354
7	RAJASTHAN	99	64	58	58
8	MADHYA PRADESH	985	912	927	710
9	UTTAR PRADESH	735	465	475	284
10	ANDHRA PRADESH	235	197	171	192
11	MIZORAM	18	28	12	28
12	GUJARAT	9	5	1	NIL
13	GOA DAMAN & DIU	2	3	6	5
14	ORISSA	243	226	194	173
15	KERALA	45	57	73	71
16	CHHATTISGARH	-	-	-	227
17	JHARKHAND	-	-	-	34
18	UTTARANCHAL	-	-	-	251

TOTAL	4026	3432	3508	3511	
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19	MEGHALYA	34	53	#	47
20	MANIPUR	31	-	#	NR
21	TRIPURA	-	-	#	NR
22	NAGALAND	104	83	#	23
23	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	135	180	#	61###
24	SIKKIM	4	2	#	NR
25	HARYANA	-	-	-	-

TOTAL	308	318	131		
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N.R. Not reported by States.

Tiger census was not carried out in North East States in 1997.

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Only for Namdapha Tiger Reserve.

